



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 11.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 11.5 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 2 percent from the previous year. If realized, this would be the lowest Illinois corn planted and harvested acreage since 2006. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 170 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the previous forecast and down 30 bushels from 2014. Production is forecast at 1.96 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and 17 percent below the previous year.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 9.90 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 9.83 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 54 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from 2014. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record for the state. Production is forecast at 531 million bushels, a 3 percent decrease from last year's record production level.

Alfalfa hay: Harvested area, forecast at 300,000 acres, is up 11 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.70 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton from the previous year. Production is forecast at 1.11 million tons, 3 percent above 2014.

Other hay: Harvested area, forecast at 275,000 acres, is up 10 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois other hay yield is forecast at 2.50 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton from the previous year. Production is estimated at 688,000 tons, 2 percent above 2014.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain ¹bushels	11,900	11,700	11,750	11,500	200.0	170.0	2,350,000	1,955,000
Soybeansbushels	9,800	9,900	9,770	9,830	56.0	54.0	547,120	530,820
Sorghum for grain ¹bushels	23	39	21	37	106.0	100.0	2,226	3,700
Alfalfa hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	270	300	4.00	3.70	1,080	1,110
All other hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	250	275	2.70	2.50	675	688

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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